

IN THE CLAIMS

1.-9. (cancelled)

10. (currently amended) A picture display device for displaying a video signal supplied from a data process device, comprising:

input means for inputting a plurality of video signals that are outputted ~~from~~ by a plurality of data process devices;

communication means for bi-directionally communicating with each of the plurality of data process devices to receive associated synchronous frequency information for each of the plurality of video signals;

video process means for combining the inputted plurality of video signals ~~that are input by said input means~~ into a combined video signal for display on one screen ~~corresponding~~ according to associated picture size information of the picture size of ~~for~~ each of the plurality of video signals, the picture size information associated with a given one of the plurality of video signals being based on the received synchronous frequency information associated with that video signal ~~said communication means communicates with each of the plurality of data process devices;~~

display means for displaying ~~a~~ the combined video signal that is outputted from said video signal process means;

input device connection means for connecting to which an input device ~~is connected,~~ and for receiving, from the input device, ~~being configured for outputting~~ a first control signal ~~corresponding to~~ based on a user's input operation;

transmission means for generating a second control signal for controlling the plurality of data process

devices, ~~corresponding to the~~ second control signal being based on the first control signal that is outputted from said input device connection means, and for causing said communication means to transmit the first control signal and the second control signal to the plurality of data process devices; and

communication control means for controlling said communication means to communicate with each of the plurality of data process devices.

11. (currently amended) The picture display device as set forth in claim 10,

wherein said communications means supplies the first control signal ~~is supplied to~~ a selected data process device of the plurality of data process devices and notifies the other data process devices ~~are notified that an the user input of the operation has not been performed for the input device.~~

12. (currently amended) The picture display device as set forth in claim 10,

wherein a screen of said display means is ~~composed~~ comprised of a plurality of display areas corresponding to the plurality of ~~video signals~~ data process devices,

~~wherein~~ the plurality of data process devices are controlled so that a control pointer ~~displayed that is~~ displayable in the display areas of the data process devices is moved among specific ones of the display areas ~~corresponding~~ according to an output operation of the input device, and

~~wherein~~ a data process device corresponding to a display area in which the display pointer is displayed is selected as a controllable object using the first control signal.

13. (currently amended) The picture display device as set forth in claim ~~10~~ 12,

wherein the communications ~~of between~~ said communication means with and the plurality of data process devices are

controlled on the ~~same~~ screen of said display means using the input device.

14. (currently amended) The picture display device as set forth in claim 10, further comprising:

means for issuing an operation command intended for the plurality of data process devices, the operation command being transmitted to the plurality of data process devices by said communication means.

15. (currently amended) The picture display device as set forth in claim 10, further comprising:

operation means for outputting a third control signal corresponding to a further user's control operation, ~~the wherein control of said video process means being designated corresponding to~~ is based on the third control signal that is output from said operation means.

16. (currently amended) The picture display device as set forth in claim 15, further comprising:

means for issuing an operation command for the plurality of data process devices,

~~wherein the issuance of the operation command is being~~ controlled ~~corresponding according to~~ the third control signal.

17. (currently amended) The picture display device as set forth in claim 10, further comprising:

picture generation means for generating a picture portion that represents a display state of a picture displayed by said display means, control states of each of the plurality of data process devices, and a control state of the picture display device.

18. (currently amended) The picture display device as set forth in claim 17,

wherein said picture generation means ~~is configured for~~ generating es a picture portion that represents display states of

pictures formed of the picture-combined video signals on displayed by said display means and that represents communication states among the plurality of data process devices.

19. (currently amended) A ~~picture display method for~~ of displaying a video signal supplied from a data process device, said method comprising the steps of:

inputting a plurality of video signals that are output received from a plurality of data process devices;

bi-directionally communicating with each one of the plurality of data process devices to receive associated synchronous frequency information for each of the plurality of video signals;

combining the received plurality of video signals that are input at the input step into a combined video signal for display on one screen corresponding according to associated picture size information of the picture size of for each of the plurality of video signals, the picture size information associated with a given one of the plurality of video signals being based on the received synchronous frequency information associated with that video signal obtained at the communication step with each of the plurality of data process devices;

displaying a the combined video signal that is output at the video signal process step;

receiving, from an input device, a first control signal based on a user input operation;

generating a second control signal for controlling the plurality of data process devices, corresponding to a the second control signal being based on the first control signal; that is output from input device connection means and causing communication means to

transmitting the first control signal and the second control signal to the plurality of data process devices, ~~an input device being connected to the input device connection means, the input device being configured for outputting the first control signal corresponding to a user's operation;~~ and

controlling communications with the plurality of data process devices ~~so~~ such that they plurality of data process devices bi-directionally communicates with each other.

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